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William P. Yellowtail, Regional Administrator
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Region VIII
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Dear Administrator Yellowtail:

This letter is in response to your request for support of EPA's proposal to pursue listing of the Jacobs Smelter in Tooele County, Utah, on the National Priorities List (NPL). The State of Utah is committed to working with EPA to properly address contamination problems in the State and ensure that the quality of life for the citizens of Utah is improved.

Over the past several months representatives from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ) have met with residents and community representatives in the vicinity of the Jacobs Smelter Site. The purpose of these meetings was to solicit input regarding the proposal to address contamination problems at this site. The citizens and community leaders expressed support for identifying any contamination problems that may exist at the site and addressing the problems as quickly and efficiently as possible.

After evaluating the input provided during these meetings, I have determined that I will not oppose the proposal to pursue listing of this site on the NPL. However, my position with respect to the proposal is contingent on EPA's commitment to coordinate closely with UDEQ throughout the process and to provide the State with substantial and meaningful involvement for the duration of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael O. Leavitt".
Michael O. Leavitt
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